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Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda

Request for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 132nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union submitted by the delegation of Venezuela

On 25 March 2015, the Secretary General of the IPU received from the delegation of Venezuela a request for the inclusion in the agenda of the 132nd Assembly of an emergency item entitled:

“The role of the IPU in the face of attempts to violate the sovereignty and right to self-determination of Venezuela”.

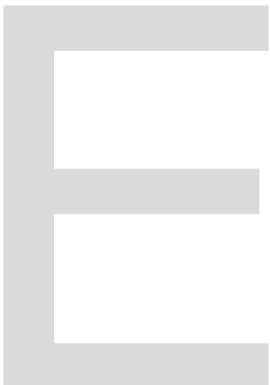
Delegates to the 132nd Assembly will find attached the text of the communication submitting the request (Annex I), as well as an explanatory memorandum (Annex II) and a draft resolution (Annex III) in support thereof.

The 132nd Assembly will be required to take a decision on the request of the delegation of Venezuela on Sunday, 29 March 2015.

Under the terms of Assembly Rule 11.1, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. Such a request must be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request. The Secretariat shall communicate the request and any such documents immediately to all Members.

Furthermore, Assembly Rule 11.2 stipulates that:

- (a) A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a major event of international concern on which it appears necessary for the IPU to express its opinion. Such a request must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted;
- (b) The Assembly may place only one emergency item on its agenda. Should several requests obtain the requisite majority, the one having received the largest number of positive votes shall be accepted;
- (c) The authors of two or more requests for the inclusion of an emergency item may combine their proposals to present a joint one, provided that each of the original proposals relates to the same subject;
- (d) The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the request and title of the subject adopted by the Assembly.



**COMMUNICATION ADRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL
BY THE DELEGATION OF VENEZUELA**

25 March 2015

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

In accordance with Assembly Rule 11, the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela requests the inclusion on the agenda of the 132nd IPU Assembly of an emergency item entitled:

“The role of the IPU in the face of attempts to violate the sovereignty and right to self-determination of Venezuela”.

A brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution are appended.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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**THE ROLE OF THE IPU IN THE FACE OF ATTEMPTS TO VIOLATE THE SOVEREIGNTY
AND RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF VENEZUELA**

Explanatory memorandum submitted by the delegation of Venezuela

The Inter-Parliamentary Group of Venezuela wishes to propose the inclusion on the agenda of the 132nd IPU Assembly (Hanoi, March-April 2015) of an emergency item entitled *The role of the IPU in the face of attempts to violate the sovereignty and right to self-determination of Venezuela*, on the following grounds.

1. The Government of Venezuela has experienced and publically denounced several attempted coups d'état intended to subvert its internal institutional and political order. These attempts have been made by internal non-democratic political factions, supported and funded by external imperialist governments and factions.
2. In recent weeks there has been an increase in imperialist aggression against our country by foreign powers, undermining the democratic and human rights-compliant nature of the Venezuelan political process and the country's peaceful and peace-promoting character and international understanding.
3. Venezuela promotes and conducts a foreign policy based on the Bolivarian and socialist ideal of peace and understanding between the world's nations, and seeks peaceful solutions when disputes arise between them.
4. We believe that the IPU is a key forum for denouncing this imperialist aggression and for mobilizing the international community in support of the self-determination of peoples and compliance with international law.
5. In the attached draft resolution, the Assembly condemns the imperialist aggression against the people and institutions of Venezuela and expresses its support for the adoption of measures promoting diplomacy and the peaceful settlement of disputes between countries.

**THE ROLE OF THE IPU IN THE FACE OF ATTEMPTS TO VIOLATE THE SOVEREIGNTY
AND RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF VENEZUELA**

Draft resolution submitted by the delegation of VENEZUELA

The 132nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

- (1) *Considering* its current discussion of international law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights,
- (2) *Reaffirming* that unilateralism in all its forms infringes the right to self-determination of the world's peoples and poses a serious threat to international peace and security and to the right of peoples to express their democratic desire to shape their own destinies,
- (3) *Deeply concerned* at the constant, proven and publically denounced attempted coups d'état in Venezuela, the aim of which is to destabilize the national political order and undermine the democratic will and purpose of Venezuela's citizens and political institutions,
- (4) *Aware* that constant attempts are being made to violate Venezuela's national sovereignty and right to national self-determination, and that those attempts are intended, from the outside, to destabilize the country and disrupt the democratic peace,
- (5) *Recalling* that Venezuela is a peace-loving State that promotes international understanding by peaceful means, and that it does not and never will pose a threat to any State or people in the world,
- (6) *Underscoring* that Latin America and the Caribbean is a free, peace-loving region that defends the principles of national sovereignty and sovereignty, the right to self-determination of peoples, and the promotion of integration and unity via institutional mechanisms of multilateral cooperation and dialogue,
- (7) *Emphasizing* the major role played by parliaments in protecting sovereignty and peoples' right to self-determination and to shape their national destinies,
 1. *Condemns* unilateralism, in all its forms, as a practice that is contrary to the principles of international law and the freedom of peoples to choose governments and institutions in line with their democratic and social specificities and needs;
 2. *Rejects* any attempts at political destabilization in the territory of Venezuela that threaten peace and the democratic will of Venezuelans;
 3. *Urges* a return to dialogue as a fundamental tool for the peaceful settlement of disputes, thereby contributing to the proper functioning of the international legal order;
 4. *Reaffirms* that all peoples have the right to self-determination and therefore freely to choose their political condition and pursue their economic, social and cultural development;
 5. *Encourages* all the world's peoples and governments to cooperate and to resolve the disputes arising between them by peaceful means that give precedence to dialogue, conciliation and international negotiation;
 6. *Reaffirms* that parliaments play an important part in establishing legal and political instruments that promote the protection of sovereignty, the right to self-determination and peoples' right to shape their national destinies.